

## REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants propose to amend Claims 6, 7, 11-14, 16, and 18; cancel Claims 1-5, 8-10, 15, and 17; and add Claims 21-23. Upon entry of the proposed amendment, independent Claims 19, and 21-23, with Claims 6, 7, 11-14, 16, and 18, respectively depending therefrom, will remain for consideration. A check in the amount of \$100.00 is submitted herewith to cover the added independent claim.

The indication by the Examiner in the recent Office Action (date mailed November 2, 2004) that Claims 19 and 20 have been allowed is noted with appreciation.

In the Final Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chalk in view of Lopes. The cancellation of Claims 1-3, 5, 8, and 10 by the present amendment serves to render these particular grounds of rejection moot.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims. Applicant has added new independent Claims 21-23, which correspond substantially to original independent Claim 1 and include the allowable subject matter of Claim 4, and intervening Claim 2. Thus Claim 4 has been rewritten as newly presented independent Claim 21. Newly presented independent Claim 22 is drawn to the embodiments of the rectangularly stuffed pillows movably attached by sewing to the towel. Newly presented independent Claim 23 is drawn to the embodiments of the arcuately stuffed pillows movably attached by sewing to the towel. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, newly added independent Claims 21-23 and their corresponding dependent Claims 6, 7, 11-14, 16, and 18, are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

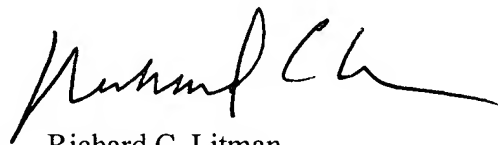
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Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments made herein properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and represent a *bona fide* effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application. Care has been exercised to ensure that no new matter has been introduced and that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration or search. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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